

1299. In 1876 the British tonnage was 10,108,110 tons and that of foreign vessels 192,829 tons, or 1·9 per cent of the whole. In 1894 the tonnage of British vessels was 26,446,495 tons, and of foreign vessels, 114,473 tons, or 0·43 per cent.

The growth of the coasting trade of Canada is very considerable.

Taking 4 year periods, the totals and the averages are :—

| PERIODS. | Total Tonnage. | Yearly Average. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1876-79 | 42,384,145 | 10,596,036 |
| 1880-83 | 59,644,409 | 14,911,102 |
| 1884-87 | 65,300,080 | 16,325,020 |
| 1888-91 | 86,407,101 | 21,601,775 |
| 1892-94 (3 years) | 76,250,020 | 25,416,673 |

Making 1876-79 the datum line, the increases are as following :—

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1880-3 over 1876-79 | 40·7 per cent. |
| 1884-7 “ | 54·1 “ |
| 1888-91 “ | 103·9 “ |
| 1892-4 (3 ys.) “ | 139·9 “ |

By Provinces the growth has been :—

ONTARIO.

| PERIODS. | Tonnage. | Increase per cent over 1876-79. |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1876-79 Average 4 years. | 4,554,104 | |
| 1880-83 “ “ | 7,864,601 | 72·7 |
| 1884-87 “ “ | 6,717,412 | 47·5 |
| 1888-91 “ “ | 7,689,308 | 68·8 |
| 1892-94 “ 3 years. | 10,277,997 | 125·7 |

QUEBEC.

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| 1876-79 Average 4 years. | 2,957,586 | |
| 1880-83 “ “ | 3,255,469 | 10·1 |
| 1884-87 “ “ | 4,020,988 | 35·9 |
| 1888-91 “ “ | 5,184,583 | 75·3 |
| 1892-94 “ 3 years. | 4,982,765 | 68·4 |

NOVA SCOTIA.

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| 1876-79 Average 4 years. | 1,111,843 | |
| 1880-83 “ “ | 1,574,818 | 41·6 |
| 1884-87 “ “ | 2,661,020 | 139·3 |
| 1888-91 “ “ | 4,055,496 | 264·7 |
| 1892-94 “ 3 years. | 4,515,511 | 306·1 |